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TITLE OF CASE LOUIS LARGER, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN H. WILMES	TYPED BY cae
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REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN H. WILMES at Chicago dated July 1, 1965.

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ENCLOSURES (2)

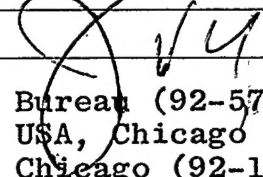
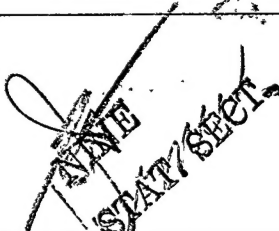
TO BUREAU

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a letter-head memorandum setting forth characterization of informants used in this report.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will conduct and report investigation regarding activities and associates of the subject.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

A reliable informant advised on July 22, 1965 that [redacted]

[redacted], who has been observed on several occasions with LOUIS ARGER in recent weeks has, for many years, been a bookkeeper for the arcades and strip shows operated on South State Street in Chicago by ARGER and one JOE BOVITO. The informant advised that BOVITO died two months ago and left three quarters of a million dollars in cash and his share of the arcades and strip shows to [redacted]. For a number of years prior to BOVITO's death, [redacted] and her sister resided in the same home with BOVITO. [redacted] at one time was reportedly in a convent studying to be a nun. [redacted] is a very trusted individual whose instructions in connection with the arcades and strip shows above come from ARGER's close associates. Subsequent to BOVITO's death, [redacted]

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INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is [redacted] contacted June 25, 1965, and July 22, 1965, by SA JOSEPH G. SHEA.

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CG T-2 is [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service, Chicago, Illinois, contacted on August 24, 1965, by SA JOHN H. WILMES.

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CG T-3 is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] contacted on July 1, 1965,
by SA JOHN H. WILMES.

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CG T-4 is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] contacted
on July 1, 1965, by SA JOHN H. WILMES.

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CG T-5 is [REDACTED] contacted on July 16, 19,
20, 1965, by SA JOSEPH G. SHEA.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

September 24, 1965

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Title LOUIS ARGER

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special
Agent John H. Wilmes, at
Chicago, Illinois, dated and
captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1- USA, Chicago

Report of: SA JOHN H. WILMES

Office: Chicago

Date: 9/24/65

Field Office File #: 92-1039

Bureau File #: 92-5794

Title: LOUIS ARGER

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: LOUIS ARGER resides at 6121 North Keating, Chicago, Illinois. ARGER reported to have heart trouble in June, 1965. ARGER maintains a speed boat at Burnham Harbor in Chicago with a two-way radio which was installed in 1964. No action taken regarding citizenship hearing for LOUIS ARGER pending further proof. ARGER observed in company of [redacted] on several occasions. ARGER's bookstore on South State Street in Chicago, raided by the Chicago Police Department. ARGER IS LISTED AS ARMED AND DANGEROUS AS HE IS REPORTED TO CARRY A GUN IN HIS AUTOMOBILE.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On September 13, 1965, it was observed that LOUIS ARGER resides at 6128 North Keating in the Sauganash Section of Chicago, Illinois.

B. Status of Health

CG T-1 advised in July, 1965, that LOUIS ARGER had been confined to his residence for several days in June, 1965, because of a heart disorder.

C. Boat Owned by LOUIS ARGER

On July 1, 1965, observation at Burnham Harbor in Chicago indicated that LOUIS ARGER's boat, "Hi Pal" was not located in slip 12 at that harbor and that an Owens Sea Skiff named the "Piggy Bank" was then located there.

On July 6, 1965, [redacted] advised he is the [redacted] Great Lakes Industrial Engine, 200 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, and advised that he did not recall the sale of two Chrysler Marine Engines to [redacted] or LOUIS ARGER.

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On July 21, 1965, [redacted] advised that her husband [redacted] the Lake River Marine at 6032 West Roosevelt in River Forest, Illinois. She advised that her husband's business consists primarily of sale and installation of marine radios and equipment and that he is normally engaged in this occupation away from his office.

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On July 29, 1965, [redacted] advised that for the past five years he has been in business for himself as the [redacted]. He was [redacted] on the River Forest, Illinois Police Department.

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He recalled that approximately a year ago he was approached by one of the boat owners at Burnham Harbor in Chicago named [redacted] came to his [redacted] boat which is located in stall 85 at Burnham Harbor and told him that a boat owner he knew desired to have a ship-to-shore radio installation made. [redacted] took him by small boat to slip 12 at Burnham Harbor where the "Hi Pal" was moored. At this location he met a man named "LOUIE" who inquired regarding the cost of purchase and installation of a ship-to-shore radio. He advised LOUIE that it would cost \$300 to \$400 to which he agreed. The actual installation of this radio was made several days later. He recalled that LOUIE was also known as "The Mayor of South State Street" and identified a photograph of LOUIS ARGER as the person for whom installation was made. He also recalled that he has seen LOUIE at the Burnham Yacht Club, and that he has a key to this club, which indicates he is a member. He has never heard the "Hi Pal" on the radio and does not know the call letters assigned to that radio.

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A check of [redacted] records for 1964 indicated that invoice number 46166 was for one Pearce Simpson package A including a 13' antenna and 10 crystals for which the charge was \$300. Installation of this equipment came to \$60, and the total charge including tax and freight was for \$375. The invoice shows that the amount was paid in full in cash and [redacted] recalled that LOUIS paid him in three \$100 bills and the remainder in smaller bills.

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On July 1, 1965, observation at slip 12 in Burnham Harbor, Chicago, indicated that an Owens Sea Skiff named "Piggy Bank" was located in slip 12. Parked on the pier adjacent to slip 12 was a 1965 Cadillac with Illinois license CH 7021. Motor vehicle

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records indicate this license is registered to the Active Paper Box Company, at 430 West Erie in Chicago, Illinois.

On July 9, 1965, records of the Chicago Park District at Burnham Harbor indicate that slip 12 is listed in the name of [redacted] residence [redacted] telephone WA-2-6897, and business address of Crossroads Restaurant, telephone WA-2-0222. The boat maintained in slip 12 is described as the "Hi Pal" which is a 27' power boat with registration number IL 9720 P. The registration number for slip 12 is A-1390 which shows that a \$200 fee was paid for use of the slip during 1965.

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On July 21, 1965, the "Hi Pal" was observed in slip 12 at Burnham Harbor and the registration number noted on this boat was IL 6121 AD.

D. Citizenship Status

CG T-2 advised in August, 1965, that no further action had been taken regarding the citizenship hearing for LOUIS ARGER.

CG T-2 advised that several months ago the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Chicago was requested to obtain further proof regarding the arrest record of LOUIS ARGER under the name LOUIS POULOS, and that the information obtained as a result of this request was submitted to the Department of Justice in August, 1965.

II. ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATES



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CG T-4 advised in July, 1965, that HARRY MARCUS is believed to have formerly been connected with the Star and Garter strip joint on South State Street and that a man named [redacted] formerly kept the



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On July 1, 1965, a 1965 Chevrolet with Illinois license DX 2780 was observed at 400 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois. This license number is listed in Illinois Motor Vehicle Records as being registered to MAX M. GROSS, 6961 North Oakley, Chicago, Illinois. Motor vehicle records also indicate that [redacted] is registered to [redacted] at the same address.

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On July 29, 1965, LOUIS ARGER was observed departing from the vicinity of 400 South State Street from whence he proceeded to the Burnham Yacht Club located at Burnham Harbor on North Lake Front. He tried to enter the door of a small white building located north of the yacht club which appeared to be locked. He then went into the yacht club at 5:20 p.m. and departed at 5:25 p.m. He then proceeded to the Dinerama Lounge on the northwest corner of Balbo and Wabash where he remained from 5:37 to 6:56 p.m. He then drove to the vicinity of 412 South State Street.

CG T-5 advised in July, 1965, that LOUIS ARGER was observed in a 1965 Buick, bearing 1965 Illinois license [redacted] in the vicinity of 424 South State Street. This license number is registered to [redacted]



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On August 9, 1965, the subject was observed at 5:55 p.m. in a Buick Riviera with 1965 Illinois License GE 2960. This automobile was driven by a woman and it was previously determined that the registrant of this license number is [REDACTED]. The automobile was observed proceeding south on the west side of Burnham Harbor, and then proceeded to the office of the harbormaster for the northern part of Burnham Harbor, which is located on the east side of Burnham Harbor, which is adjacent to the Burnham Yacht Club. ARGER and the woman attempted to enter the harbormaster's office, which apparently was locked. They then drove to the 400 block on South State Street, where the woman dropped LOUIS ARGER and proceeded south on State Street.

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On August 11, 1965, two automobiles were observed parked in the vicinity of the subject's residence at 6128 North Keating, in Chicago. It was a Cadillac with Illinois license [REDACTED] and the other a Pontiac with Illinois license [REDACTED]. The latter license is registered to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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CG T-1 advised in July, 1965, that the Chicago Police Department is periodically checking the books being sold in two or three book stores operated by LOUIS ARGER on South State Street, since the closing of ARGER's strip shows. Each time a book is located on the shelves which has been banned by the City of Chicago, it costs \$4,000 to have it taken care of.

On July 24, 1965, the Chicago Police Department arrested several individuals operating bookstores on South State Street owned by LOUIS ARGER and removed from these stores all books considered to be obscene.

CG T-1 advised in August, 1965, that regarding the recent arrests by the Chicago Police Department and confiscation of smutty and pornographic books from LOUIS ARGER's stores on South State Street, ARGER has made the statement that he will settle the matter by a payoff.